

two-step raise for assuming the position, which follows the current county policy, then review again next year. His motion also asked Mobley to send a letter each year to elected county officials inviting them to meet with commissioners at budget time. He said the officials should respond by letter whether they do or do not wish to meet with commissioners.

The amended motion passed by a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Dalrymple casting the lone opposing vote. Next, the original motion to create the official mission position was also approved as amended. It received the same vote as the amendment.

Johnny Simmons, a representative of the Christian Mission, addressed commissioners to ask for a couple of things.

Simmons said Christian Mission is helping people in a big way.

In explaining this, he said the county commission currently does not donate any money to the worthwhile organization. Instead, he said it pays the county approximately \$3,000 per year to dump at the landfill.

Simmons asked commissioners to consider allowing Christian Mission to dump at the landfill cost free for as long as the organization is in business. Also, he asked the com-

mission to consider making a yearly monetary donation of some sort to Christian Mission. "Christian Mission touches a lot of lives," Commissioner Grimsley said. "We have a lot of organizations that touch lives in Coffee County."

He said he would like for the commission to look at the situation and see if there is anything it can do in the form of a donation.

Grimsley then offered a motion with a second from Commissioner Lewis to discuss this matter at the next working session. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

In other business, the commission:

- * Awarded bids for paper products, personal hygiene items and several food service supplies. Enterprise Paper and Janitorial received the bid award for 8 1/2 x 11" Copy Paper - 20 lb., 8 1/2 x 11" Copy Paper - 20 lb., 8 1/2 x 11" Copy Paper - 60 lb., Toilet Tissue and Dispenser Towels. Houston Paper and Janitorial Supply received the bid award for Household Towels, White Foam Cups - 6 oz., White Foam Cups - 12 oz., Food Trays and Unwrapped Forks. Creel Paper received the bid award for Dinner Napkins and Air Freshener - 7 oz. Bob Barker received the bid award for

Sanitary Napkins, Deodorant, Razors, Soap, Toothpaste and Toothbrushes.

* Approved a motion to extend a walkway from in front of the commission complex and county extension complex to the back of the curb. Expected cost of this project is less than \$1,000 with county employees doing the work.

* Approved a motion to place a plaque at the Mount Pleasant Senior Citizen Center honoring the family which donated the land for the center to be built. The plaque will be in memory of Norm and Annie Pearl Dalrymple.

The next meeting of the Coffee County Commission will be Monday, Nov. 24, at 9 a.m. at the county complex in New Brockton.

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During a reception held recently at the New Brockton Senior Citizens Center, town officials recognized several citizens for their contributions and dedication to improving New Brockton's overall appearance. Those receiving appreciation plaques included Sonny Eads, Virginia Dowling, Charles Dowling and Bernie Mac Bowdoin. The plaques were presented by councilman Johnnie Herron, serving as Mayor Pro Tem. The services provided by these citizens included remodeling work at the New Brockton Police Department, beautification work at the town park and equipment donations.

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Any volunteer who has not been cleared for duty shall not receive any payment for drill, training or forfeiting unless specifically approved by the city council upon request of the chief of the fire department.

The physical examinations will be paid for by the city, but the city will not be responsible for any medical treatment the exam discovers is necessary or recommended.

All members of the fire department shall submit to drug and alcohol testing in accordance with the policies applicable to all employees of the City of Elba.

This includes submitting to drug testing when injured or involved in any accident involving injury or property damages.

Barry Giles was appointed to a five year term on the Elba Water and Electric Board. He replaces Tim Johnson, who asked not to be reappointed. Johnson cited the need to spend more time with his expanding accounting business.

Martha Kyles was reappointed to another five year term on the Elba Housing Authority. She is just completing her first term on this board.

City employees will receive both November 28th and

December 26th as additional holidays this year. The vote for this was unanimous.

Monthly bills totaling \$71,060.81 were approved for payment. This includes garbage pick up expenses, landfill charges, transfers to the Elba school system and a bookkeeping entry of \$8,252.57 transfer to the utility department.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth reported that the E911 radio system has been updated. City employees will hold their annual Christmas celebration and dinner on Thursday night, December 4th.

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Five county residents arrested on drug charges

Local law enforcement officers continue to stay busy in their fight against methamphetamine in Coffee County and recently arrested several residents associated with the manufacture of the drug.

According to officials, a traffic stop Wednesday, Oct. 29, by Elba Police Sergeant Jeff Shelton led to the arrest of an Elba man for unlawful manufacture of a controlled substance.

Sgt. Shelton stopped the vehicle after receiving information on a passenger within the vehicle. He received consent to search the vehicle and found chemicals commonly used in the manufacture of methamphetamine.

The officers called for assistance and were joined at the scene by New Brockton assistant chief Dale Grimes, deputy Lance Tindol, Elba Police officer Austin Redman and Elba Police investigator Tony Harrison.

The search led to the discovery of a meth lab in use when officers arrived. According to officials, it was in the final stage of the cook process, and several

items were found including meth oil, meth powder, four firearms, assorted smoking devices and paraphernalia.

Arrested and charged with unlawful manufacture of a controlled substance first degree were David Harold Lee, age 40; Brenda Faye Lee, age 39; and Jennifer Lee Tidwell, age 21, all of which reside at the New Brockton residence. Laurence Yaphet Marshall, age 21, of 210 North Brock Street, New Brockton, was also arrested at the scene and charged with unlawful manufacture of a controlled substance first degree.

Marshall was placed in the Coffee County Jail under a \$100,000 bond.

Tidwell was placed in the Coffee County Jail under a \$100,000 bond and a hold for Montgomery County for outstanding warrants in that county.

David and Brenda Lee were placed in the Coffee County Jail with no bond due to the fact both are currently out on bond in Coffee County for previous charges of unlawful manufacture of a controlled substance.

Local law enforcement agencies join together for Thanksgiving "Click It or Ticket" campaign

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Several local law enforcement agencies joined forces last Thursday, Nov. 13, to announce the implementation of a "Click It or Ticket" campaign in Alabama during the Thanksgiving holiday.

"Click It or Ticket" is a familiar campaign for the Memorial Day and Labor Day holidays, but the agencies announced last week that a final campaign for 2003 has been funded by grant for the upcoming holiday.

The campaign began Monday, Nov. 17, and will continue through Sunday, Nov. 30.

Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates was joined by representatives from his department, the Elba Police Department and the New Brockton Police Department in announcing their support for the campaign. Also joining the group were representatives from ADECA (Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs) and Southeast Alabama Medical Center.

The grant to fund Alabama's "Click It or Ticket" campaign is made available through ADECA, and is administered locally by Southeast Alabama Medical Center.

Jack Chancey, representative



Elba D.A.R.E. officer Michael Adkinson buckles his seat belt before starting his vehicle. Adkinson and the Elba Police Dept. will join other law enforcement agencies in promoting the "Click It or Ticket" campaign throughout the Thanksgiving holiday.

of Southeast Alabama Medical Center, said law enforcement agencies are expecting to save

as many as 19 lives in the Southeast Region of Alabama with this "Click It or Ticket" campaign.

He said this campaign will promote seat belt usage, and the officers will try to reach motorists through checkpoints and designated patrol spots.

Moates said officers will be looking to make sure motorists are wearing seat belts, have proof of insurance and that children are properly restrained.

In 2001, traffic crashes were responsible for 998 fatalities and 42,900 injuries on

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NOTICE

There is an Thanksgiving holiday. The Elba Clipper will be closed Thursday, Nov. 27, and Friday, Nov. 28 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

In case of an emergency, residents are asked to call the New Brockton Police Department at 894-5235.



COMING TOGETHER... Municipality and county officials representing Coffee County as a whole gathered recently to sign a proclamation recognizing the week of Nov. 21-27, 2003 as National Farm-City Week. This is a special week in Coffee County each year as farming and industry leaders come together to be recognized for everything they do in producing the county's food and fiber and/or creating a system that delivers it efficiently and safely to consumers. Farm-City Week will kickoff with the 2003 Coffee County Farm City Banquet Thursday evening, Nov. 20, at the Farm Center in New Brockton. During this event, some of the county's top farmers and industry leaders will be honored for their achievements. Those shown above with the county's Farm-City Week proclamation include (from left): Kathy Sauer, director of the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce; Johnnie Herron, mayor pro tem of the Town of New Brockton; William Mullins, mayor of the Town of Kinross; James Grimes, mayor of the City of Elba; and Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce. The proclamation was also signed by the mayor of Enterprise and the chairman of the Coffee County Commission, but neither was present for the official presentation of the document.

During New Brockton Town Council meeting

Rural Housing Loan/Grant Repair Program discussed

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council held its regular monthly meeting Monday evening, Nov. 10, and approved a motion to allow citizens to make monetary donations through their water bill.

Mayor Charles Cole said residents will be given an option marked on their water bill to make a donation to assist with the current fund raising efforts for the town's matching fund grants. He said the donation option will not be for any certain amount. Customers can simply donate whatever they choose, and it is tax deductible.

The donation money will be deposited in the "Our Town" fund.

Cole said the objective of the program is to help very low-income owner occupants of modest single family homes in rural areas make necessary repairs to those homes, and loan fund are available to improve or modernize a home, make it more sanitary or remove health and safety hazards. He also said for homeowners age 62 and over who cannot repay a loan, grant funds may be available.

Cole said loan funds may be used to improve or modernize a home as long as the dwelling remains modest, and grant funds may be used only for repairs necessary to remove safety and health hazards or remodel dwellings to make them accessible and usable for household members with disabilities.

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NEW CLOTHING STORE...

The Elba Chamber of Commerce welcomed Elba's newest apparel shop, Creative Fashions, to business last Thursday, Nov. 13, with an official ribbon cutting ceremony. The business recently opened and offers a wide variety of styles and name brand clothing. It is located just off the square in downtown Elba near the intersection of Davis Street and Claxton Avenue. Those present for last week's ribbon cutting were (from left): Mary Gray, Jimmy Harrison, Sam Cooper, Katonya Kyles, Future Little Miss Elba Annalee Padgett, Kristie Hooks, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Michael Hooks, Miss Elba Anna Anderson, Janie Coleman, Kaye Whitworth - executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, and Herby McCall.

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Area Happenings

THE 500 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYERS made the annual team photo, Nov. 21, with the Bulldogs traveling to Tuscaloosa to take on the American Legion Division. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

A HIGH COMMUNITY-WIDE THANKSGIVING SERV. will be held Sunday evening, Nov. 23, 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church located on Highland Drive in Elba. Everyone is invited to attend.

THE ELBA ELBA DEPTEN will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 27 and 28 in observance of Thanksgiving. There will be no deliveries or any necessary with these dates. For customers, to report an emergency, please call the Elba Police Department at 894-5235. The garbage trucks normally parked on the streets will be closed on Friday, Nov. 28. Residents who have garbage trucks by the road before 6 a.m. on Nov. 28, should be fine.

THE ELBA DEPTEN will hold its annual Thanksgiving service on Thursday, Nov. 27, at 5 p.m. at the Elba Police Department. The service is open to all and is a free event. The service is held at the Elba Police Department.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
with Ferrin Cox

Judge Roy Moore is no longer Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court. The special court set up to rule on his position agreed that he had laid down the challenge with this open defiance of a court order himself and upheld his removal from office. Note, it was not for displaying his Ten Commandments rock, but for openly announcing he would defy the ruling of the federal courts. Many people in Alabama support this action by Roy Moore. Yet most of these same people would chomp at the bits to hang him from the closest tree if Moore, or anyone else, happened to be displaying a symbol of a religion like the Muslim, Hindu, etc. in an Alabama public building. That thought is not all that far out, as there is now a Muslim who is serving as a member of the Alabama legislature. Our readers are surely aware that there is a group in America who call themselves witches and claim it as a religion and demand the same freedoms we offer to the old established church on the corner! Our position has been, and continues to be, please don't open up the doors to all these other folks, some who might be real kooks or violent extremists, operating under the guise of religious freedoms. We have plenty of room in our church buildings . . . especially since far less than half America's population is in church on any given Sunday (except maybe on Christmas and Easter). That holds true right here in Alabama also.

What is Judge Moore going to do now? That is anyone's guess. He has not publicly said, and may not have made his final decision. Right now he is gearing up to promote legislation in Washington to stop federal judges from making rulings such as the one which ultimately led to his ousting from office. According to a short news release issued by some of his supporters, the actual wording of that bill will not be released until after the holidays. That might mean "we are trying to write a proposed bill during the next few weeks". Undoubtedly there will be willing sponsors in the U. S. House, however, the proposal will probably get lost in the shuffle or get watered down to a point of meaning nothing except "some of my friends are for it and some of my friends are against it, and I am with my friends".

The new Toledo Molding and Die manufacturing plant on Bypass Street is beginning to take shape. You can see the magnitude of the facility from either Bypass Street or Airport Road, looking down the old East-West runway. Plans are still for the company to start work shortly after the first of the year. This will be a welcome addition to the Elba employment scene. With the national economy now picking up speed, the timing is perfect for this new facility to be coming on line.

Across the street from the Toledo facility, the City of Elba is building a new dog pound. This is because the Toledo facility is taking the land where the old dog pound was located. While this is a dead cost to the city, it is also a golden opportunity to make some needed improvements to the facility. It appears from the construction already done that the new dog pound will look basically like the existing one, but, again, we hope city officials are taking this opportunity to improve, or at least add a few bells and whistles to the new facility.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Nov. 10, 2003, investigated the following incidents: two for menacing, one harassment, four for theft of property, one lost cellular telephone, one possession of drug paraphernalia, one disorderly conduct, two for criminal mischief, one unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle, one possession of methamphetamine, one driving under the influence, one death, one criminal trespassing, one open window, one domestic violence and one child custody.

The following arrests were made: two for criminal mischief, one for disorderly conduct, one for driving under the influence, one for domestic violence and one for unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: four for not wearing a seat belt, one for driving with a revoked driver's license, six for no proof of insurance, one for attempting to elude, two for speeding, one for running a stop sign, two for driving with a suspended driver's license

and one for driving without headlights on.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, NOV. 10 - Routine activity.

TUESDAY, NOV. 11 - River stage - 4.27 feet (6:18 a.m.); Wreck (vehicle vs. cow) reported on Hwy. 166 (5:38 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 12 - River stage - 4.20 feet (6:20 a.m.); Routine activity.

THURSDAY, NOV. 13 - River stage - 4.13 feet (6:20 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 215 Plant Ave. (5:54 p.m.).

FRIDAY, NOV. 14 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 705 Kennedy Dr. (6:26 a.m.); River stage - 4.58 feet (6:43 a.m.); Minor wreck reported at the Big/Little East (9:16 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 570 King Circle (10:28 a.m.).

SATURDAY, NOV. 15 - River stage - 4.79 feet (6:07 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 1507 Powell Circle (7:49 a.m.).

Disturbance reported at Lot 14 of Beaver Dam Trailer Park (10:19 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a trailer fire across from 875 Cedar Lane Dr. (7:17 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched for standby at the trailer fire on Cedar Lane Dr. (7:23 p.m.); Alarm activated at Kelley Foods, Building B (8:42 p.m.).

SUNDAY, NOV. 16 - River stage - 4.60 feet (6:10 a.m.); Alarm activated at 1698C Hickman Ave. (10:04 a.m.); Possible burglary of a vehicle reported near Williams Signs (8:45 p.m.).

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REMINDER

The Elba Clipper will operate with special deadlines for the Thursday, Nov. 27, edition of the paper. The deadline for Church and Social News will be Friday, Nov. 21, at 3 p.m. The deadline for Advertising and all other news will be Monday, Nov. 24, at 12 Noon.

BULLETIN BOARD

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• **ROTARY CLUB** - Tuesday @ Noon-First First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

• **ELBA CITY COUNCIL** - 2nd & 4th Monday 6 p.m. City Hall

• **WATER & ELECTRIC** - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall

• **ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN.** - Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

• **GRIFE SUPPORT GROUP** - every Monday 6:30 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church enter on side on W. Davis St. Maggie Garrett Classroom.

• **COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** - 2nd & 4th Monday Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton

• **LIONS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center

• **ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD** - 1st Thurs. 5:30 p.m. - Staff Office

• **AMERICAN LEGION** - 1st Tuesday of every month 7:00 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

• **MASONIC LODGE 170** - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7 p.m. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School

• **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER** - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30-4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5888

• **COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN.** - 3rd Sat. 3 p.m. - Club House

• **REPUBLICAN WOMEN** - 3rd Wed. Noon. Colony Inn, Enterprise

• **ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY** - 2nd Thursday at noon, Driscoll Hangar at the Airport

• **AARP** meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month

• **ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB** - 1st & 3rd Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room

• **NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB** - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ferrin,

As a proud Veteran of the United States Navy, and a firm believer of good bar-b-que, I'd like to publicly thank Kelley's bar-b-que for their generosity in providing free meals for Veterans today on Veterans' Day.

I sadly remember upon returning from a tour in Japan (1967-1969) being called a baby-killer and spat upon outside Travis Air Force Base near San Francisco. Many of the United States public was not real supportive of US military at that time, and being a veteran wasn't a prideful thing is some places.

Thank God that today the US military enjoys almost total and unanimous support of all Americans everywhere. Whether we agree on whether we should be in Iraq or not, we all fully support our men and women in uniform and pray for their safe return and for their families.

Thank you Kelly's for showing appreciation and reminding me that it is a thing of great pride to be a veteran, and thanks for the bar-b-que and God Bless America.

Sincerely,
Buddy Shively

P.S. If you can read this, thank a teacher.

If you can read this in English, thank a veteran.

Dear Editor,

After many times of threatening, I have finally written a "Letter to the Editor." I feel that I must express my feelings on the issue of the Ten Commandments. I must say that Thursday, in my opinion, was a sad day for the State of Alabama. I am honored that Judge Roy Moore stood his ground on the issue. I admire a man that does what he says he will do. Unfortunately, that is a rare trait in the day and hour we live in. So many people say they will stand up for Jesus, but when put to the test, they cover under the pressure of others. We need more people like Judge Moore.

I am concerned about the number of people, many who call themselves Christians, who do not seem to care about the issue of the public acknowledgement of God. I know that many people feel that this is a political issue. I respectfully disagree with this point of view. I believe this is a moral issue. I have always been told, "if you give them an inch, they'll take a mile." I am afraid if we don't stand up now and let our voices be heard now, there will be no chance later. Just as Judge Moore stated outside the Judicial building, if we allow this ruling to stand the next step will be to remove the references to God from our money and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. It may seem far-fetched, but it is much closer than many people realize. The Supreme Court of the United States is scheduled to hear this Pledge case early next year. If the Supreme Court is divided in their ruling, then the lower court ruling will be allowed to stand. Remember, the 9th U.S. court of Appeals ruled the phrase "under God" in the Pledge unconstitutional. What a shame it would be to see that ruling stand. We must stand up and let our voices ring out in protest.

Some people say that the Ten Commandments should be kept in our hearts and not on our walls. Again, I wholeheartedly disagree. You see, when I was in school just over 10 years ago, my teachers posted rules in the classrooms. We, as students, were expected to learn those rules and abide them. However, the teacher never took them down. They were left there as a reminder of the way in which we were expected to conduct ourselves while in that classroom. I believe we need to post the Ten Commandments on every wall we can, to remind the people of the way they are expected to uphold the Constitution of the State of Alabama "so help me God." The Founding Fathers of our country feared God and made sure that everyone knew that this was to be a country that lived according to the laws of God. They were aware that per-

secution would surely come. The men who signed the Declaration of Independence were hunted down like animals and killed because they signed that document. They knew the price they would have to pay. We too, must make the decision to stand up for God. Sure there will be those who will call us "crazy" or "radical", but I'll gladly wear any of those labels for standing up for Jesus Christ.

The Bible says this: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn their wicked ways, then will I hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." (2 Chronicles 7:14) It's time for the people of God to stand up and lead our communities, our state, and our nation, back to God.

I hope that everyone will attend the "Ten Commandments Rally" at the Coffee County Farm Center in New Brockton on Saturday, November 29, 2003. Special music will begin at 6:00 p.m. Come and join with other concerned citizens who wish to preserve the public acknowledgment of God and the public display of the Ten Commandments.

Sincerely,
Derek Snellgrove

Dear Editor,

As December approaches, I am greatly concerned about the widespread confusion over what is and is not acceptable seasonal religious expression in our community. Over the past few years, it seems that grave misunderstandings of the origin and meaning of the phrase "separation of church and state" have encouraged many government officials to embark on a mission to remove all references to religion from schools, government buildings, and public property.

The phrase "separation of church and state" doesn't even appear in the Constitution! It originated in 1802 in a private letter from Thomas Jefferson to a group of Baptist ministers in Danbury, Connecticut. 13 years later, the First Amendment was passed. And the courts have consistently ruled since then that eliminating all signs of religion from the public square is just as unconstitutional as establishing a religion. So, in response to recent efforts to censor Christmas in our community, perhaps it would help to clarify the forms of religious expression that are legal under the Constitution even under today's confused case law.

Students are free to express their religious beliefs in school. As long as it's not materially disruptive, students may express their beliefs verbally with phrases like "Merry Christmas"; through clothing that conveys religious messages with words, colors or symbols; or through written materials like school assignments, religious cards, gifts, or tracts given to teachers and classmates (Lovell v. City of Griffin, 303 U.S. 444 [1938]; Westfield High School L.I.F.E. Club v. City of Westfield, 249 F. Supp. 2d 98 [D. Mass. 2003]).

At school, students can sing Christmas carols at concerts, teach the biblical origins of Christmas, and perform the Christmas story of Mary, Joseph, Jesus, and the shepherds. The Constitution does not require the exclusion of religion from public institutions. Christmas is part of our heritage and ingrained in our culture; therefore, expression of it through art and music and teaching of it as history serve both a religious and secular purpose. Provided these activities promote the "advancement of students" knowledge of our society's cultural and religious heritage, as well as the provision of

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may include a nativity in seasonal display provided there are a sufficient number of secular objects along with religious ones, 2) the secular objects are in close proximity to the religious ones, and 3) overall, the display is sufficiently secular (Lynch v. Donnelly, 465 U.S. 668, 671 [1984]).

The U.S. Constitution, laws, and court decisions are all constructed to protect and permit religious expression in both public schools and government buildings. So, attempts to remove Christ from Christmas

do not stem from the Constitution, but from those who simply seek to silence the Christian message. And that is a violation of the Constitution! Thank you for this opportunity to clarify the legal position on keeping Christmas a vital part of our heritage.


Sincerely,
Joe and Martha Guerrero

A Local Church
It probably sits beside the gravestones of our dead. Where have all the people gone? I heard somebody say. Some have

died, some just don't care, and some have moved away.

It hasn't always been this way time was when the doors were never locked, and the strangers on their way, could step inside and rest awhile, or maybe they would pray. We do not know how many souls found Jesus in this place, we do not know how many choirs have sung Amazing Grace. The saints gone on if they could see the empty pews today. They'd cry. Then God would wipe their tears away.

-Dill McDaniel



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Obits

BILLY FRED WEEKS
Mr. Billy Fred Weeks, age 67, of Elba, Ala., died Nov. 14, 2003 at his residence on King Circle. Funeral services were held Nov. 17, 2003 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Talmadge Butler officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Weeks was preceded in death by his parents, Agnes Lorene Weeks and Homer D. Weeks.

Survivors include his wife, Joann Weeks; Elba; two daughters: Debbie Richardson and Sherry Weeks, both of Elba; one son: Ronnie Weeks, Ganf, Ala.; one brother: Douglas Weeks, Mobile, Ala.; two sisters: Quida Turner, Covington, Ga.; Lillian Hughes, Andalusia, Ala.; and two granddaughters.

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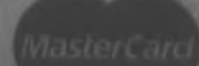
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Henry and Sherry Johnson from Pensacola Florida will be leading the services through song and word. Everyone is invited to attend these services. Pictured above is the Johnson Family.

Harris Temple Church of God in Christ to hold Youth Revival

Harris Temple Church of God in Christ, 747 Adams Street in Elba, will hold Youth Conference Revival 2003, November 20th - 22nd at 7:00 p.m. nightly. Thursday night the speaker will be Evangelist

Muriel Gooshy, Enterprise. Friday night the speaker will be Minister Jason Meadows, Birmingham; and Saturday night the speaker will be Minister Vincent Campbell, Atlanta.

Benefit Bar-B-Que to be held at Elba Church of God

Elba Church of God is having a Benefit Bar-B-Que on Friday, November 21, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. for the Benevolence Fund and to raise money for the food

bank. Bar-b-que plates and bar-b-que by the pound will be sold. To order call 897-1593 or 897-2989. Delivery is available.

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Praise and Glory Worship Center to have indepth study on the Holy Spirit

There will be an indepth study on the subject of the Holy Spirit held at Praise and Glory Worship Center November 20 through November 23. The teacher will be a missionary to the native Indians Albert Skinner and his wife Marie.

The church is located next to New Brockton High School at 419 South John Street.

Services will be held nightly at 7:00 p.m., on Sunday 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. We invite you to join us and help us grow together.

Benefit Singing to be held Friday November 21 At Opp High School

A benefit sing will be held Friday, November 21st at Opp High School auditorium. Featured singers are The Burning Bush Family, The Good News Quartet, The Hartsell Family and The Soul Seekers.

A special offering will be received for Alicia Hartline, a 17 year old Opp High School student who was severely injured in a recent auto accident. Singing will begin at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

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Scripture: Joshua 12:1-25

***Thinking of you, praying for you. The White and Jolly Family, Lena Sims, Hattie Reed, John E. Family, Marcus Kelley, Earl Kelley, Bettye English, Juan Carpenter, Ruth Belcher, Mattie Belcher, Lavone Rideaux, Carolyn Lawrence and Burlive Jones.

***November Birthdays-LaRay Williams - November 16, Edd Manning - November 16, Maria Duncan - November 22, Tyrone Kelley - November 27, Rev. Audrey R. Williams - November 27, Audrey M. Bennett - November 27 and Brandon Kelley - November 17.

***Sis. Regina Kelly of Elba will preach her first sermon on Sunday, November 23, 2003 at Shady Grove A.M.E. Church, Elba, at 5:00 p.m.

***The Mulberry Missionary Baptist District Ministers, Deacons and Laymen's Union will meet with the Friendship

Missionary Baptist Church in Glenwood, Ala. on November 30, 2003 at 9:45 a.m.

***Mr. and Mrs. Burlive Jones will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, November 22, 2003 at 4:00 p.m. at the Elba Recreation Center.

***Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Lukely (Bettye) of Atlanta, Ga.; Mary Shahid and Tamika Russell of Enterprise, Alabama visited Eria Lindsey Belcher, Elba and other relatives and friends last Sunday.

Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church in Elba will celebrate Rev. A.R. Williams 21st Pastor's Anniversary on November 23, 2003.

***A Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner for Senior Citizens will be held on Saturday, November 22, 2003 at 11:30 a.m. at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in the Tarentum Community.

Today is a good day; be grateful!

Community-wide Thanksgiving Service planned for November 20

A joint Community-wide Thanksgiving service will be held Sunday evening, November 23, 6:00 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Church located on Highland Drive.

You are encouraged to bring canned good items for the Christian Mission. Everyone is invited to attend.

Faith Chapel Church to have BBO fundraiser

Faith Chapel Church, Highway 189, 3 miles North of Perry Store will sell BBO plates and Boston Butts on November 22, 2003. Call Bonnie at 897-0979.

A "Ten Commandments" Rally to be held at The Farm Center

A "Ten Commandments" rally is scheduled at the Coffee County Farm Center in New Brockton on Saturday, November 29th.

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The bride was given in marriage by her father, Mr. Carl Sanders. A program of wedding music was presented by Mr. Paul Hammond of Hoover, Alabama; uncle of the bride.

Special music was presented by Ms. Katie Maund of Fayetteville, Georgia; sister of the groom, and Mr. Chris Parker of Fayetteville, Georgia.

Serving as Matron of Honor was Mrs. Jennifer Sanders Wells of Dothan, Alabama; sister of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Miss Sarah Marie Sanders of Brundidge, Alabama; sister of the bride; Miss Lindsey Nicole Sanders of Brundidge, Alabama; sister of the bride; Ms. Kathryn DeLoney Maund of Fayetteville, Georgia; sister of groom; Mrs. Beth Wilson Collier of Ozark, Alabama; Miss Carrie Crawley of Brundidge, Alabama; Mrs. Dixie Jennigan Lavender of Brundidge, Alabama; Mrs. Anna Johnson Morton of Boaz, Alabama; and Miss Genia Kenitra Reaser, of Montgomery.

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Twentieth Century Study Club holds November meeting in the home of Mrs. Judy Eastburn

The Twentieth Century Study Club met November 13th at the home of Mrs. Judy Eastburn with Mrs. Grace Taylor and Mrs. Betty Vaughan as co-hostesses. Guest were surprised and delighted by decorations for the forthcoming holiday season, made early for the occasion. The lovely home was all aglow in its splendor of lights, wreaths, trees, bangles and many hand made decorations.

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New Brockton School News
Sponsors: Lori Cotney & Tracy Whittaker

N.B.H.S. Faculty Spotlight

by Kerri Myers

This month Mrs. Kelly Hauquitz has the honor of being chosen as "From the Cockpit's" faculty spotlight.

Mrs. Hauquitz has been teaching ninth and eleventh grade English and sponsoring cheerleading for the past two years. This year she also decided to take on the role as Junior class sponsor.

Originally from Newport, Rhode Island, where she attended Rogers High School and met husband Eric Hauquitz, she later attended and graduated from Florida State University. Hauquitz said one thing she likes most about NBHS is the close-knit family atmosphere and that everyone knows everyone.

While getting "up close and personal" with Mrs. Hauquitz, I got the chance to dig into her past and find out a couple of pretty interesting things.

Although everyone knows this fun, loving, humorous, and outgoing teacher has extreme ways of making literature fun and



Kelly Hauquitz

exciting, most don't know that drama and theatre have always been her passion. While attending high school she showed this by performing in various musicals in a dinner theater.

While talking with Mrs. H. (as some of the students refer to her), I not only got the chance to find out about her past, but also about her teaching ethics and things she tries to relate in the classroom to real life.

One of the main things she said is very important to her is that students understand that

Girls basketball gets new coach

by Maressa Loman

After long time girls' basketball coach, Mrs. Barbara Cole, retired from coaching at the end of the school last year, she handed the whistle over to new teacher and assistant coach, Ms. Staci Rountree. Coach Rountree is in her second year at N.B.H.S. and since being at New Brockton she has involved herself in numerous activities, including the Spring Musical, girls softball assistant coach, Jr. Beta sponsor, Homecoming Co-Chair, and planning a Veterans' Day program. Recently, I sat down with Coach Rountree and got some insight into the upcoming girls basketball season.

Q. What made you decide to take over the role as the girls (both JV and Varsity) basketball team?

A. I really enjoyed playing basketball in high school and coaching gives me the opportunity to stay around the game.

Q. What do you find interesting about the game?

A. I love the fast pace of basketball and the athletic ability required to play it well. I also like to see teams play together and work together.

Q. What sports do you play while in high school?

A. Basketball, softball, cheerleading—4 years each.

Q. What are some of the strengths and weaknesses of both the JV and Varsity?

A. Jr. High: weaknesses:

- lack of experience
- young—we have one player from last year (eight 7th graders and two 8th graders)

strengths:

- quick/fast

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Sixth grade class enjoys Cotton Fun Day

by Kelly Wood

Mr. Fuller's sixth grade class went on a Cotton Fun Day. The class got on the bus and headed to Mr. Massey's farm. There they learned how long it takes for cotton to grow and talked about different fertilizers. The class then went to the Petcher farm and completed the morning chores.

At Mr. Wall's farm, the class picked cotton. Jessica Senn won the cotton picking contest.

The last stop for the day was the cotton gin where the students toured and explored.



Mr. Fuller's sixth grade class

Barefoot won the Cotton and Me essay.

Survey shows NBHS students occasionally use tanning beds

by Lori Wade

We've all heard the tanning bed/cancer hype. We've been told that it increases your chances of getting skin cancer, just as regular sun tanning does. Many people say that this isn't so. So, right here at NBHS I've done my own research and my own survey.

First of all, people use tanning beds for many reasons. Some want a base tan before they go on vacation, some want good color for a special event, some just enjoy being dark all year round, and some go for the simple relaxation.

Getting in the tanning bed for thirty minutes a day is a lot easier than spending three hours in the blazing sun. It's also pretty cheap, usually twenty to thirty dollars a month. However, after doing some research with the National Cancer Institute I found out after study showing that people who use tanning beds are 1.5 - 2.5 times more likely to have common kinds of skin cancer than people who didn't use beds. Ultra-violet light damages the skin cells and does irreversible damage.

It's even more dangerous for teenagers. For the young, tanning lamps can double the risk of skin cancer. Researchers and experts have shown that teenagers who start out early in the tanning beds, look old even by the time they're twenty. Some even suggest that tanning salons should not be open to minors.

With this research behind me, I wanted to find out just how many NBHS students frequent tanning beds. Out of 62 girls surveyed, 13% regularly use tanning beds, 53% occasionally use tanning beds (for special occasions, like prom, pageants, etc.), and 34% never use tanning beds.

I alarmed me that 66% of the girls surveyed use tanning beds at one time or another, so I wanted to offer an alternative. Airbrush tanning can be done in about 5 minutes at a salon and the cost is between \$30 and \$40. The tan will last for up to two weeks, and some even longer, if you moisturize and take care of your skin the way you should. Even though you won't save money with this alternative, you will save time, damage to your skin, and possibly save yourself the risk of getting skin cancer.



Top sellers from New Brockton Elementary's recent PTO fundraiser included (front row) - Taylor Pearson, Alex Cotton, Lauren Reeves, Deanna Williams, Lynn Kerrigan, Harley Newsome and Brittany Sunday, (back row) - James Haynes, Michael Haynes, Lindsey Foster, Courtney Williams and Brittany Whitehead.

N.B.H.S. Students of the Month



Adam Crosby - Adam is a Freshman and is the son of Scott and Tami Crosby of New Brockton. He is involved in Varsity Football, Jr. Beta, FFA, and Spanish Club. Chelsea Smith - Chelsea is the daughter of Phil and Jackie Smith of New Brockton. She is in the 7th grade is a member of the JV Cheerleading squad and the band where she plays clarinet.



4-H officers for the fourth grade at New Brockton Elementary School include (kneeling) - Adam Bryant, Monica Anciso, Savannah Ellis, Jena Freese, Anthony DiMatteo, Candice Barbaccia, Codey Winters and Taten Swanson; (standing) - Harley Shy, Ebony West, Sanh Herbert, Kimberly Stephenson, Mary Michael Dunn, Brittany Carpenter, Shelby Adkins, Dannelly Mock, Teresa Moore and Catlyn Galler.

Have a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving Holiday!!!

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SCHOOLS

Elba High student places first in Coffee County FCCLA Peanut Recipe contest

Submitted by Brittany Cooper

The Coffee County Family Career and Community Leaders of America recently held the Peanut Recipe Contest.

The purpose of the event is to provide students an opportunity to use a peanut recipe to gain information on the versatility of the peanut, demonstrate creativity in food preparation, demonstrate cooking expertise and encourage students to become more aware of food products grown in Alabama.

Recipes used for the contest had to be a main dish including peanuts, peanut butter or peanut oil. The entries were judged on taste and presentation.

The first place winner was Crystal Bradshaw from Elba High School.

Crystal's recipe was "Peanut-Chicken Salad" and included all three peanut products. The chicken was served on a bed of



Pictured from left: Zachary Simmons, Zion Chapel High School; Crystal Bradshaw, Elba High School; and Eva Garcia, Enterprise High School.

spinach salad with a sweet and sour sauce that served as dipping sauce for the chicken and as a salad dressing. Crystal garnished her dish with tropical fruit salad and cherries.

Eva Garcia from Enterprise High School placed second with a recipe for "Festive Peanut Chicken".

Eva's dish was pretty and tasty with chicken pieces served over rice and garnished with green pepper and cherry tomatoes.

Zachary Simmons from Zion Chapel High School entered a recipe for "Spicy Peanut Pork" and placed third.

Zachary used spicy roasted peanuts to dredge the slices of pork loin, which gave it a deliciously different flavor. The pork was served on a bed of rice using curly endive, steamed vegetables, and chopped peanuts as garnishes.

As the county winner, Crystal will travel to Montgomery in April to compete in the Alabama STAR Events.

Sessions Peanut Company and Coffee County Farmer's Federation/ALFA were both sponsors for the contest.

Congratulations to all contestants and a special congrats to Crystal, the county winner.

ELBA JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

December 1
Geneva at Elba
4:30 (7B-8G-8B)

December 4
Elba at Arlton
4:30 (7B-8G-8B)

December 8
Elba at Andalusia
5:00 (7B-8G-8B)



PICTURE OF THE WEEK (by Christy Eubanks)...You can't see me because I can't see you.

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Tiger Tales

Editors:
Brittany Cooper
& Alex Allen



Canned food drive in progress

by Mary Katherine Head

Elba High School's Student Council is currently sponsoring a canned food drive in order to help needy families during the Thanksgiving holidays.

The drive began Monday, Nov. 10, and will run through Friday, Nov. 21.

Students are encouraged to bring canned food or other non-perishable food items. The class

who brings the most food items will receive a class pizza party and an extended break in the commons area.

Also, if there is anyone outside the school who would like to donate items to the food drive, you may give your contributions to Mrs. Nelda Bailey, Student Council sponsor.

Let's make this year's canned food drive a success!

FBLA elects 2003-04 officers



by Karrie Copeland

The Future Business Leaders of America officers were elected and are as follows: Michelle Weston, president; Sheanna Hammonds, vice president; Andrea Head, secretary; Yolanda Reynolds, treasurer; Chase Graham, parliamentarian; Yokesha Terry, reporter; and Samuel Pulliam, devotion leader. The FBLA sponsor is Mrs. I. Clark.

Co-Op Spotlight

by Alex Allen



This week Miss Brittany Smith stands in the Co-op Spotlight.

Brittany is the 17-year-old daughter of Tim Smith and Donna Newman, and she works as a cashier at Larry's Real Pit Barbeque in Enterprise.

Brittany is a member of the Spanish Club, Mu Alpha Theta, VICA, and Senior Beta. She enjoys reading, shopping, hanging out with friends and spending time with her boyfriend.

Congratulations Brittany on a job well done.

Juniors ask for support with magazine sales

by Anna Harrison

Every year the junior class sells magazines to pay for prom. The amount of money juniors raise will play a key role in the success of the prom. This is the only fundraiser allowed to help with the tremendous cost. The juniors would appreciate your support! The last day to purchase a magazine will be Dec. 1, 2003.

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SPORTS

Views from....

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and both of the girls are already wanting to know where we are going for the holidays. When we stay at home I usually cook the turkey and Kathy takes care of the dressing, but I guess the girls remember those days at Grandma's and all the goodies that cover the table for days. No matter where we end up for Thanksgiving dinner, we have plenty to be thankful for this year and will give thanks for all our many blessings.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** The Elba Tigers and Lady Tigers will both tip off their basketball season next week over in New Brockton, and while both teams should be much improved this season and be true contenders for the region title, they will have their hands full in the four-day event set for the New Brockton High School gym. The Tigers will return 6-4 center Marchello Reed and 6-3 forward Quinton Gavin to give them an inside presence, while guards Mason Gulley and LaRay Williams both saw a lot of action a year ago and should be ready to shine, even though both are just sophomores. Coach Karl Bledsoe may speed up his offensive attack this season to take advantage of the team's overall quickness, and if the players can adapt, might just be quite a season. The Lady Tigers set all kind of records last season for their three-point shooting and will no doubt fire it up from behind the arc again this year, but Coach Leroy Camley has preached defensive pressure since the opening day of preseason drills and will tell anyone that will listen that his year his girls are going to press on defense and run on offense. Sounds like an exciting season ahead!

*** The Brantley Bulldogs kept their state title hopes alive last week with a big 52-8 romp past Thorsby and this week will head up to Tuscaloosa to battle American Christian in quarterfinal action. The undefeated Patriots have made it look easy all season and have averaged 42 points a game in rolling to a 12-0 record, and will no doubt have more of the same planned for the Bulldogs. I have never thought it was right for private schools to compete with the public schools, and I just hope Brantley will make a statement Friday night and let the folks from up in Northport know that teams from small, hard working towns can be big winners too.

*** Last week's second round of the state playoffs did have a few surprises and also set up some very interesting third round matchups. Luverne grabbed the headlines in 2A with a 20-0 win over Washington County and advanced to a third round showdown with Slocomb, while Red Level survived its perfect season end with a big 34-7 loss to Briarwood Christian and Charles Henderson was eliminated by defending champ Homewood 24-0.

*** I am not an Auburn fan and don't pretend to be a Tommy Tuberville supporter, but this has to be the most disappointing season ever in the rich history of the Auburn Tigers. The Tigers were billed as the #1 team in the nation prior to the season and Tuberville just smiled and told everyone it was time his team finally got some credit. Since then the Tigers have stumbled their way to a 6-5 record, with four of the wins coming against such weak sisters as Vanderbilt, Western Kentucky, Louisiana Monroe and Mississippi State. After the loss to Georgia last weekend Auburn defensive back Junior Rosegreen said that if Auburn could beat Alabama this week "all the rest of the games won't matter." If that is the mind set at Auburn among its players and coaches, many more 6-5 seasons may follow.

*** Alabama showed once again just how far it is from being a college power in its 27-3 loss to LSU. The Crimson Tide looked like boys playing against men throughout the game, and even though LSU won by 24 points, the game could not have been any closer. With all the seniors the Tide depends on, next year could be even worse and all those Alabama fans that thought Mike Shula would work wonders will have to be patient and just hope he can at least get the Tide headed back in the right direction.

*** In closing...I hope all area basketball fans get out next week and watch some action in the tournaments set for Kinston and New Brockton. A total of eight boys and eight girls teams are scheduled to compete in New Brockton, while over in Kinston four boys teams will tip it off. That means a total of twenty high school teams will be in action on the court next week during the holidays, and they all deserve your support.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKS PLAYOFFS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator stopped by early last weekend to drop his this week's playoff picks and declared the high school season was now getting down to the real thing as the post-season party entered week #3. The local guesspet hit on 15 of 19 picks last week to move his playoff totals to 48-8 and his totals for the year to 316-44. Here we go again....

BRANTLEY VS. AMERICAN CHRISTIAN

The Bulldogs from up across the river will have to hitch-hike across the state this week to battle one of those ritzy private schools in the third round of the state football playoffs, and since both teams are 12-0 it should be quite a show. The 'Dogs will have their hands full against the high-scoring Patriots and will have to put some points on the scoreboard to have a chance, but the key here may be defense, and the 'Dogs can play defense.

BRANTLEY 26 AMERICAN CHRISTIAN 17

OTHER PICKS:

Reeltown 21 Autaugaaville 7
Houston Academy 17 Red Level 15
Slocomb 20 Luverne 3
Pike County 40 Tarrant 27
T.R. Miller 24 W.S. Neal 14
UMS-Wright 27 Demopolis 6
Trinity 28 St. James 0
Homewood 34 Fairhope 17
Briarwood Christian 31 B.C. Rain 27
Prattville 20 Vigor 7
Opelika 17 Daphne 16

RESULTS FROM LAST WEEK'S SECOND ROUND OF THE AHSAA STATE FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS INVOLVING AREA TEAMS:

CLASS 1A - Reeltown 42 Sweet water 14; Autaugaaville 18 Cottonwood 0; Brantley 52 Thorsby 8
CLASS 2A - Slocomb 45 Gordo 0; Luverne 20 Washington County 0; Red Level 32 Oakman 26; Houston Academy 20 Southern Choctaw 0
CLASS 3A - Pike County 38 Lincoln 22; T.R. Miller 53 Springville 25; W.S. Neal 14 Montgomery Academy 7
CLASS 4A - Demopolis 17 Opp 10; UMS-Wright 35 Southside 6; Trinity 38 Thomasville 14; St. James 34 Monroe County 27
CLASS 5A - Briarwood 34 Eufaula 7; Homewood 24 Charles Henderson 0
CLASS 6A - Opelika 42 Carver 0; Daphne 35 Jeff Davis 14; Prattville 29 Baldwin County 0

Elba Tigers tip off season next week in Thanksgiving Tourney

The Elba Tigers will tip-off the 2003-2004 high school basketball season next week when they compete in the New Brockton/Southeast Sun Thanksgiving Basketball Classic, at the New Brockton High School gym.

The Tigers will be one of eight area teams taking part in the annual event, which will take place over four days.

"We have been doing a lot of running to try and get in shape," stated Elba's Coach Karl Bledsoe, "but I really don't know how we will look when we tip it off next week over in New Brockton. We've got three starters back from last year's team that know the system and know what we expect, but early in the season things can happen that a team isn't ready for and we just hope we can handle those things and play well. On offense we have good size inside and good ball-handlers, and if we play well we should be able to move the ball up and down the court and put some points on the scoreboard. We have worked hard on our half-court defense in recent days, and maybe the players will realize that we have to play defense as well as offense."

"The field is very good for the tournament next week and we should get a chance to see just where we are and also see some of our regular season opponents," added Coach Bledsoe. "Pleasant Home has been one of the top teams in the state for the past three years and has won two state titles over that span. So, that tells you what we will be facing in our opening round match-up. New Brockton and Straughn are also in our bracket and should be much improved since last season, while in the other side of the bracket there are four very good teams in Brantley, Geneva County, G.W. Long and Opp. If we play well we will have a chance to win a couple of games, but if we don't we will be back in the gym at practice."

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

4:30 - G.W. Long vs. Opp

7:30 - Brantley vs. Geneva County

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

4:30 - Elba vs. Pleasant Home

7:30 - New Brockton vs. Straughn

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

4:30 - Brantley-Geneva Co. winner vs. Long-Opp winner

7:30 - Pleasant Home-Elba winner vs. Straughn-New Brockton winner

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

4:30 - Consolation game

7:30 - Championship game

Elba 7th grade Tigers claim two road wins, improve record to 4-0

The Elba 7th grade Tigers improved their record to 4-0 last week with a pair of big wins over Geneva and Opp.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

ELBA 31

GENEVA 26

The 7th grade Tigers traveled to Geneva on Tuesday afternoon and had to battle until a final horn to escape with a 31-26 win. The Tigers jumped out to a 13-10 halftime lead and led 23-16 heading into the final stanza, but had to turn back a late rally to claim the win. Johnny Stoudemire scored 11 points to lead Elba, while Jordan McBride added 8.

Elba (31): Repress 7, Bullard 5, McBride 8, Stoudemire 11.

Geneva (26): Adams 11, Hill 2, Soles 9, Frrazier 4.

Elba Lady Tigers tip off season next week in tournament

The Elba Lady Tigers have been hard at work for the past three weeks in preparation for the 2003-2004 high school basketball season, and next week will get to put that work to the test when they compete in the New Brockton/Southeast Sun Thanksgiving Basketball Classic, at the New Brockton High School gym.

A total of eight teams will take part in the annual holiday event, which will begin on Monday, Nov. 24, and continue on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday.

"Our girls have been working hard to get ready for the season and I think our fans will be excited when they see us on the court this season," said Coach Leroy Camley. "We will be one of the shortest teams in the area, but will try to make up for it by playing an up-tempo offense and a pressing defense. We will still shoot the three-pointer on offense and have some girls that can drain it, but this year we hope to get a lot of baskets in transition from our press. Our biggest assets will be our quickness and our desire to win, and by playing an up-tempo game on both offense and defense we should be able to use both traits."

"This tournament will be a good early test for our team," added Coach Camley. "We will play 4A Rehobeth in the opening round, while other 4A teams in the tournament include Ashford and Opp. Geneva County and G.W. Long are two very good 2A teams that have winning girls programs, while New Brockton is always tough and Straughn may have its best girls team in years. We work very hard in practice to improve in all areas of the game, and by playing in this tournament we will get the chance to see where we need to do a little extra work. The field is tough and it will take our best effort to win, but we are excited and are going over to New Brockton with the attitude that we can bring home the trophy."

Following is a preview of the tournament bracket:

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

3:00 - G.W. Long vs. Opp

6:00 - Ashford vs. Geneva County

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

3:00 - Rehobeth vs. Elba

6:00 - Straughn vs. New Brockton

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

3:00 - Ashford-Geneva Co. winner vs. Long-Opp winner

6:00 - Straughn-New Brockton winner vs. Rehobeth-Elba winner

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

3:00 - Consolation game

6:00 - Championship game

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BRANDY CALDWELL (44) shoots a free-throw during recent action for the Elba Junior High Lady Tigers. The Lady Tigers saw their record slip to 2-2 last week with two road losses.

Elba 8th grade Tigers watch as record dips to 2-2 on season

The Elba 8th grade Tigers saw their record dip to 2-2 last week with a pair of road losses to Geneva and Opp.

Following are highlights of both games:

GENEVA 41

ELBA 28

The 8th grade Tigers fell behind early and never recovered in a 41-28 loss to Geneva, on Tuesday afternoon. The Tigers fell behind 25-15 by the end of the half and never threatened in absorbing the road loss. Jordan Bryant scored 19 points to lead Elba, while Graham Morrow added 5.

Geneva (41): Hutcherson 6, Shoemaker 14, Holmes 2, Strim 12, Simmons 3, Tidwell 3.

Elba (28): Martin 2, Hammond 1, Bryant 19,

Elba Lady Tigers see record slip to 2-2 with pair of big road losses

The Elba 8th grade Lady Tigers saw their record dip to 2-2 last week after road losses to Geneva and Opp.

Following are highlights of both games:

GENEVA 50

ELBA 17

The Lady Tigers fell behind early and never recovered in a 50-17 loss to Geneva, on Tuesday night. The Lady Tigers trailed 21-2 at the half and never threatened in suffering the big road loss. Krystan Parker scored 10 points to lead Elba.

Opp (33): Ryhmes 4, Henderson 11, Ellison 5, Smith 4, Stephens 7, Matthews 2.

Elba (10): Parker 10.

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SPORTS



BULLDOG TOUCHDOWN... Brantley's Devaris Skanes (5) crosses the goal line in the Bulldogs' 52-8 playoff win last week over Thorsby. Skanes gained 154 yards rushing and scored 4 touchdowns in the big win. Helping celebrate the score are Bulldog linemen Chad Williamson (57), Kane McKinney (52) and Tyler Weaver (54).

In second round of 1A playoffs

Brantley Bulldogs explode in second half to bury Thorsby Rebels 52-8

By Greg Brunson

Photos by Janet Brunson

The Brantley Bulldogs took one more step toward Birmingham Friday night with an impressive 52-8 drubbing of the Thorsby Rebels, in second round action of the Class 1A state football playoffs.



FOLLOW ME... Channing Spivey (15) follows teammate Steve Odom (58) upfield in last week's 52-8 playoff win over Thorsby. The Bulldog defense intercepted three passes in the playoff win.

Brantley Bulldogs hit the road for quarterfinal clash with Patriots

The Brantley Bulldogs will be facing a long road trip and one of the state's highest scoring offensive teams Friday night when they travel to Tuscaloosa to battle the American Christian Patriots, in the third round of the Class 1A state football playoffs.

Both teams will bring perfect 12-0 records into the quarterfinal clash, which will feature two of the state's top small school football powers.

Brantley continued its dominance over all 1A opponents last week with a 52-8 romp past Thorsby in second round action, and in the Bulldogs' two playoff games have outscored their victims by a combined score of 73-8.

Devaris Skanes was the workhorse again last week for the Bulldogs as he gained 154 yards and scored 4 touchdowns, but the speedy junior had plenty of help in the backfield as the Bulldogs rushed for 347 yards on the night and scored almost all in the second half. Quarterback Channing Spivey was intercepted twice, but hit on 5 of 8 passes for 50 yards, including a key fourth down completion that helped the Bulldogs blow the game open in the second quarter, but shut down Thorsby in the second half and came up with four turnovers with three interceptions and one fumble recovery. The Bulldogs' defense was once again a dominating force and continued to be a strength as Brantley ran its winning streak to twelve games.

American Christian, located in Northport, is a private school that competes in the public school ranks, and after going 7-4 a year ago has been one of the state's top teams this season in rolling to a 12-0 state. The Patriots have claimed wins over Shoals Christian 35-14, John Essex 49-18, A.L. Johnson 35-6, Carrollton 31-0, Hale County 42-7, Sunshine 52-14, Linden 31-8, Sweet Water 55-28, Akron 62-0, Northside 20-7, Florala 48-6 and Isabella 44-9. American Christian has 8 seniors and 22 lettersmen on this year's team, led by a trio of senior running backs and a four-year starter at quarterback. Seniors Jesse Ochoki (6-0, 194) and Jason Watts (5-10, 165) anchor the Patriot running attack at running back and both have gained over 1,000 yards this season, while sophomore quarterback Chris Snelley (6-4, 201) has been a starter since the seventh grade and has passed for almost 1,500 yards during the Patriots' banner season. Fullback Will Miller, a 6-1, 241-pound senior, transferred from 6A Central, of Tuscaloosa, and has given the Patriots extra punch out of the backfield both as a runner and a blocker. Leading the way up front are offensive tackles Jeff Dunkling (6-2, 300) and Matt Hartin (6-0, 240).

While this week's quarterfinal clash will feature two of the state's highest-scoring teams, the teams are very much different in their style of play, and it will be the team that is able to be productive while sticking to its game plan that will move on to the semifinal round. Kick off will be at 7:00 PM.



TALKING IT OVER... Brantley's Coach David Lowery talks with his team during a time-out in last week's big 52-8 playoff win over Thorsby. The Bulldogs will hit the road for the first time in the playoffs this week when they travel to Tuscaloosa to battle the undefeated American Christian Patriots. Kick-off is set for 7:00 PM.

Brantley Bulldogs explode in second half to bury Thorsby Rebels 52-8

The Bulldogs scored their first points of the night only 12 seconds into the game when Lance Myers intercepted a Kevin Hale pass and returned the interception 28 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point try failed, but the Bulldogs were ahead 6-0 before many of their play the Bulldogs were off and running with a quick 12-0 lead.

On their next possession the Bulldogs raced down the field on an eight play drive that covered 71 yards. Skanes had runs of 20 and 25 yards to spark the scoring march, which concluded with a one-yard quarterback sneak for a touchdown by Channing Spivey. Cedric Jones added the extra-point and with 11:18 remaining in the second quarter the Bulldogs were on top 19-0.

The two teams swapped interceptions on their next possessions, as Brantley's Channing Spivey intercepted a Kevin Hale pass and returned it to the Thorsby 15-yardline, only to see Hale return the favor on the next play when he picked off a Spivey pass in the endzone. Thorsby put together an eight play drive that covered 38 yards in the half to get on the scoreboard. Jacob Day scored the touchdown on a 3-yard run off right tackle, while Kevin Hale passed to Justin Taylor for the two-point conversion, as the Rebels cut the Brantley lead to 19-8 with 1:22 left in the half.

As the second half opened it was obvious that Brantley's Coach David Lowery had gotten his team's attention during intermission, as the Bulldogs took the second half kickoff and marched 66 yards in 13 plays and ate up almost seven minutes off the clock to extend their lead. Channing Spivey hit Jamyal Jones on a big 21-yard completion to highlight the scoring drive, while Devaris Skanes scored the touchdown on a one-yard plunge up the middle. Cedric Jones booted the extra-point as Brantley upped its lead to 26-8 with 5:25 remaining in the third quarter.

The Bulldogs' Devaris Skanes showed he was also a force on defense only two plays later when he caused a fumble and recovered the loose ball at the Thorsby 31-yardline. Skanes gained 8 yards on the next snap as the Bulldogs headed toward the Rebel endzone, and then broke loose for a 23-yard touchdown scamper on the next play. Cedric Jones booted the extra-point and Brantley's lead was up to 33-8 with 4:02 remaining in the third quarter.

The Brantley defense held the Rebels to three plays and a punt on Thorsby's next possession to set the Bulldog offense up at the Brantley 47-yardline. From there it took the Bulldogs only six plays to get right back in the endzone to blow the game wide open!

Devaris Skanes scored the touchdown on a 2-yard plunge for his fourth touchdown of the game, while the score was set up by a big 36-yard scamper by Jamyal Jones. The extra-point try failed, but with 3:35 remaining in the third quarter Brantley was on its way with a big 39-8 advantage.

Steve Odom claimed the Bulldogs' third interception of the game on Thorsby's next play from scrimmage to turn the ball back over to the offense at the Rebel 31-yardline. It took the Bulldogs only three plays to cover the 31 yards to the endzone, with Chris Booker carrying for 19 yards on first down and then scoring the touchdown one play later on a 9-yard burst. Marcus Owens kicked the extra-

point and with 11:14 left in the game Brantley was in command with a 46-8 lead.

James Pittman scored the game's final points on a 42-yard run with 6:42 remaining in the fourth quarter. On the scoring play Pittman picked up a fumbled pitch-out, reversed his field and flew down the sidelines into the endzone. The scoring run capped a six play, 60-yard drive for the Bulldogs, and made the final score Brantley 52 Thorsby 8.

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MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

A turnip green patch can be a valuable resource

Richard Petcher
County Extension Agent

WHAT IS EATING MY TURNIP GREENS?

A turnip patch can be a valuable resource. However, there are a number of insects that also love to eat your greens. So battling the bugs can be a real challenge.

Garden lice or aphids are one of the first insects to attack. Dabazon with a ten-day interval from last application until harvest is probably the best insecticide for the home gardener. But at best, it only gives partial control. When you kill an aphid on the plant it clings and dies clinging to the plant. One of the best solutions is to simply wash off the aphids with a garden hose. There is a garden insecticidal soap that works great. The brand names of two of these are "Safer Soap" and "Nature's Mark".

There are others. These soaps are insects formulated to hurt their breathing apparatuses. The soaps soon break down and are of no harm to people or the plants. However, the dish-washing soaps for the kitchen are harmful to the plants. They usually burn the outer edge of the leaves.

The second groups of insects are the cabbage loopers, cabbage webworms, imported cabbageworms, and diamondback

moth larvae. Cabbage loopers are the most frequent. They are easy to identify as they are light green and they loop or inch along when they move. The other worms are varied in color. However, their control is the same. The BT insecticides containing the bacteria *Bacillus Thuringiensis* are the best insecticides for controlling them. Dipel is one of these insecticides. Begin treatments at the first sign of moths, eggs, or when small worms are seen. Then repeat spray every 5 to 7 days or as soon as possible after a rain occurs. You always need to read the label when applying insecticides.

The other groups of insects

are the flea beetles, harlequin bugs, and the vegetable weevils. These are rarely a major problem in Coffee County. SEVIN is the chemical of choice. Eggplants are a trap crop that insects so you may plant some eggplants nearby or have your neighbors plant some eggplants.

Never spray unless you see insects to spray. The insect population starts up each spring and gradually builds up until they peak in the fall. Then cold weather comes on and the insects die or hide for the winter depending on how cold it gets.

As cold weather comes on our insect problems are over. You may have damage on your plants, but the insects are

already gone. Insects do most of their damage when the plants are young and tender. Because the plants are so small you don't usually see the damage until much later when the plants and leaves are much larger. A small micro hole on a small plant becomes a large hole as the plant grows. Then you see it and wonder what is eating your greens. By this time of the year most of the insects have already gone. Seeing the damage on your plant is not all there is to it. Inspect for insects when the plants are young and especially check on the underside of the leaves.

Having bragging rights on your green patch usually comes from having a good fertility pro-

gram. Of course, watering them helps. Take a soil sample and see what your greens need. Apply about one third of the Nitrogen at planting and then divide the remaining amount over the season. Sidespraying with Nitrogen frequently about every two or three weeks. The what keeps greens vigorous and actively growing.

In the hard cold of winter you will find kale and collards more cold tolerant than the other greens. You may even want to grow some greens in a cold frame, to take you through a hard winter.

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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JEREMY ISAAC MCWATERS, DECEASED

PC-03-78

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration have been granted to Stacy McWaters, as Administrator of the estate of Jeremy Isaac McWaters, deceased, on the 4th day of November, 2003, by Honorable William O. Gammill, Judge of Probate. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the time will be barred.

/s/ STACY MCWATERS
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11-5-03

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

STRUCTURES FOR SALE ON PROJECT NO. MFG-333 (6)

COMMUNITY NEWS



QUEEN AND HER COURT. During Homecoming activities Friday, Oct. 24, for New Brockton High School, the 2003 Homecoming Queen and Court was recognized. Those chosen to represent the school were (left to right): Andrea Hickman - 10th grade attendant, Ashley Williams - 11th grade attendant, Diana Cotter - 12th grade attendant, Jessica Ogburn - Homecoming Queen, Tiffany Harrison - 12th grade attendant, Lori Wade - 11th grade attendant and Valerie Hutcherson - 9th grade attendant.

Advance registrations still available for Friday golf tournament

Advance registrations are still available for the Friday, Nov. 21, Fall Golf Classic.

The event is presented by the Aviation Center Chapter of the Army Aviation Association of America (AAAA or "Quad-A").

The \$35 per player entry fee includes greens fee, cart, AAAA golf towel, food and traditional beverages. The scratch four-person scramble is limited to the first 30 teams with paid registration at the Silver Wings Golf Course.

The prize for a hole in one on the designated hole is a 2004 Nissan Altima.

Sign-in starts at 8:45 a.m., with a shotgun start at 10. In between will be a warm-up putting contest, with drawings for a plethora of prizes throughout the day, according to tournament director Manuel Bartoloni.

The popular "red tee" and "accuracy correction string" options will again be available, at additional costs of \$10 and \$20 per team, respectively.

For more information on the tournament call Jim Doolin at Silver Wings, (334) 598-2449. Proceeds from the event fund local chapter contributions to the community throughout the year, including scholarship programs (\$12,000 awarded locally this year), local community service organizations, family well-being, and awards for academic achievement in Aviation School courses.

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Alabama Department of Health releases study

Race and sex are more important factors than region in predicting an Alabamian's cause of death. The Alabama Department of Public Health studied causes of death in four regions of the state: the Black Belt, north rural, south rural

and metropolitan. Only for a few causes of death, such as homicide, motor vehicle accidents, and HIV disease, is region an important predictor of risk. Even for those causes, the differences are primarily urban areas versus rural areas. With few exceptions, race or sex are far more important than region when studying death disparities in Alabama.

REMINDER
Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, The Elba Clipper will operate with special deadlines for the Thursday, Nov. 27, edition of the paper. The deadline for Church and Social News will be Friday, Nov. 21, at 3 p.m. The deadline for Advertising and all other news will be Monday, Nov. 24, at 12 Noon.

Race is a factor that makes comparing regions very complicated, explains Kathryn Chapman, co-author of the study. In Alabama, northern rural areas are predominately white while other areas, particularly the Black Belt, have higher percentages of black Alabamians.

Chapman said, "The important aspect of this study is that each region was studied for blacks alone, and whites alone. When death rates are compared for blacks or whites only, no region of the state has predominantly higher rates."

Co-author David Kemp states that gender is also important. Regardless of race or region, males have significantly higher death rates than females for heart disease, all cancer, lung cancer and accidents. While deaths were few in some cases, males also have a higher rates in all regions of suicide, certain respiratory illnesses, and HIV disease. In fact, diabetes is the only cause where females have a significantly higher death rate than males for any race or region.

"Some of the sex disparities may be the result of higher risk behaviors, such as smoking in males," says Kemp. Copies of this regional study may be found at the Web Site, www.adph.org, by selecting "fastfind" and then "health statistics" or by contacting the authors at the Center for Health Statistics.

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TOWN

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area, cannot have an in-ground swimming pool, and must be in an eligible area. Eligible areas can include towns up to 20,000 population in non-MSA areas and towns up to 10,000 in MSA areas. • Grant funds must be used to remove safety and/or health hazards. Loan funds can be used for modernization as long as the dwelling remains modest. In either case, all existing hazards do not have to be removed as long as no major repairs remain after the planned repairs are made. • Loans are amortized with monthly payments at one percent interest

and a maximum term of 20 years. • Loans made in conjunction with loan/grant combinations are made for 20 years to maximize the loan amount and minimize the need for grant funds. • The maximum outstanding 504 loan balance cannot exceed \$20,000. • The maximum amount of lifetime 504 grant assistance cannot exceed \$7,500. • 504 loans of \$7,499 or more must be secured by a mortgage on the property. The outstanding debts on the property cannot exceed the value. • Loans of greater than \$7,500 must be closed by an authorized

closing agent and require title insurance. • Tax and insurance escrow is required through a prior lienholder or USDA Rural Development if the outstanding debt to USDA Rural Development exceeds \$15,000. • and Grant recipients must sign an agreement to repay the full amount of the grant if the property repaired is sold within three years of grant approval.

Cole said any resident interested in learning more about this program is encouraged to call or stop by the town hall.

In other business, the council: • Approved a motion to adopt a resolution to submit a letter to the attorney general's office asking for an attorney general opinion concerning the number present for the council meetings since there is no representative for the seat vacated by former councilman Ricky Strickland.

• Approved a motion to allow the police chief to advertise and dispose of some surplus property.

• Approved a motion approving the names submitted by council members for the Housing Code Abatement Board. These names included: Betty Sue Horsted, District 1; Edith Wagon, District 2; Steve Adkison, District 3; Ricky Strickland, District 4; Ronald McMonagle, District 5.

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Jessie Brunson wins state gymnastics championship

Jessie Brunson, daughter of Tim and Annette Brunson, won the Alabama State Gymnastics Championship this past weekend. In only her third year of competition, this is Jessie's second all-around first place finish. Nine-year-old Jessie is a third grader at Zion Chapel elementary school and a member of the Enterprise Aerial gymnastics team. Last weekend, November 14 through 16, she attended the annual Alabama State Gymnastics Championships, where she competed as a level 5 gymnast. Jessie placed first on 3 out of the four events. Her first place finishes included the balance beam, uneven bars, and the vault. She placed third on the floor. Due to her outstanding performances in the individual events she also placed first in the all-around competition.

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FastFact



On November 21, 1818 Alabama's territorial legislature chose Cahaba as the territorial capital. The previous year, the U.S. Congress had designated St. Stephen as the capital. Learn more about the five capitals Alabama has had since first becoming a territory at <http://www.archives.state.al.us/capital/capitals.html>.

Our Bill of Rights: From Whence It Came

Born on November 14, 1650 William of Orange celebrated his thirty-eighth birthday on a warship off the coast of England. The following morning, November 15, 1688 he landed at Torbay with an army that included 7,000 sailors, 4,000 horses, and 14,000 soldiers. He was there at the invitation of a small number of influential members of the British House of Lords to overthrow his father in law, King James II of England.

Known as the Glorious Revolution of 1688, this virtually bloodless coup established the supremacy of Parliament over the monarchy. This occurred with the passage of the English Declaration of Rights following the overthrow of James II. Nearly a century later, that document became the model for the American Bill of Rights, which is enshrined as the first ten amendments to the constitution. James II became King of England in 1685 at the age fifty-two when his brother, Charles II died leaving no legitimate heir. James, who had converted to Catholicism in 1668, became a Catholic monarch in a Protestant country. A stern man who lacked his brother's good nature and political skills, his actions so infuriated his supporters that he became the author of his own downfall. He had two daughters by his first wife, a Protestant, who died in 1671. One of them was Mary, William of Orange's wife.



King James II. Courtesy of the BBC History Department

the nobility. For example, the monarch is the defender of the Church of England, but James repeatedly ignored a law mandating that Church of England members fill selected offices.

In 1687, James attacked the Church of England directly by ordering the bishops to read one of his royal proclamations from their pulpits. Called the Declaration of Indulgences, its effect was to favor Catholics over other non Church of England faiths, which included Presbyterians, Baptists, and Quakers. Twenty-six bishops, including the Archbishop of Canterbury, refused. As a result James imprisoned them in the Tower of London, making the bishops national heroes and himself a national fool. He then worsened the situation by suing them for seditious libel. Their acquittal in court delighted the nation, making his position nearly untenable.

After landing at Torbay, William marched for London, gathering popular support along the way. Recognizing the inevitable, James II attempted to flee by disguising himself as a peasant. Caught and returned to London, Parliament sent him into exile in France.

William and Mary became co-monarchs, the only time in British history a joint monarchy has occurred. Mary died of smallpox in 1694, and William ruled alone until his death in 1702. Take *The Web Journey* and find out more about the Glorious Revolution.

The Glorious Revolution of 1688

Donald Wilkes and Mathew Kramer of the University of Georgia Law School developed this extensive resource. It includes a timeline of events and an encyclopedia with articles about the people and events surrounding the Glorious Revolution. Web Address: <http://www.thegloriousrevolution.com/>.

A separate article by Professor Wilkes offers a detailed look at events that occurred during the revolution. Web Address: http://www.lawesch.uga.edu/academics/profiles/wilkes/more/his3_forgotten.html.

James II - A Biography
This Spartacus Encyclopedia article traces the life of James II from birth until his overthrow in 1688. Included are links to other articles that explain the circumstances

and people behind overthrow. Web Address: <http://www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/STUJames2.htm>.

William of Orange and Queen Mary
This official biography of the co-monarchs discusses the major events of their reign. It also includes extensive information about the English Bill of Rights and the background to its passage. Web Address: <http://www.royal.gov.uk/output/Page100.asp>.

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According to Alabama law, each front seat occupant of a pas-

senger car manufactured with safety belts in compliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 208 shall have a safety belt properly fastened over his/her body at all times when the vehicle is in motion. Moates also stressed the importance of properly restraining child passengers in which he said many motorists do not realize that Alabama law requires a child under the age of six to travel in some sort of child restraint

system also meeting applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards.

With this campaign, Chancey said law enforcement agencies throughout the state are encouraging motorists to increase the current seat belt usage rate from 79 percent to 85 percent. In doing this, he said 44 lives could be saved and 456 injuries could be saved statewide. Also, Alabama could see economic savings of over \$48 million in one year.



Those present for Coffee County's announcement of the "Click It or Ticket" campaign were (from left): Myron Williams, Coffee County Sheriff's Department; Dale Grimes, assistant chief of the New Brookton Police Department; Michael Adkinson, D.A.R.E. officer for the Elba Police Department; Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates; and Sgt. Joseph H. Priney, representative for the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) - Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Division.

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The club has placed an Angel Tree at both the Elba MarketPlace and The Peoples Bank in Elba.

Participants are asked to take an angel from one of these trees and purchase a gift for the child as described. All gifts should be purchased and dropped off for delivery no later than Thursday, Dec. 11. The drop off locations are The Peoples Bank and Lawford's Ace Hardware.

All gifts from this Angel Tree drive will benefit children in the Elba area.

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Note Of Thanks

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to our friends for the many acts of kindness shown to us during the loss of our beloved mother, **Renee Constance Giles.**

Also, a very special thank you to Dr. Lance Dyess and staff, and the medical staff of Elba General Hospital for their genuine concern and care.

We pray for each of you God's Blessings and Love.

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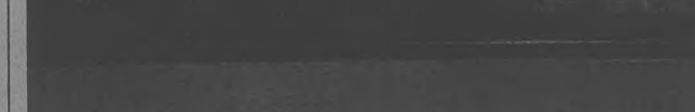
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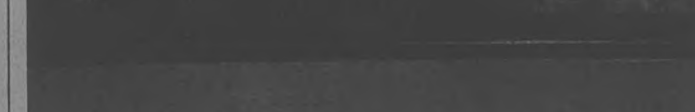
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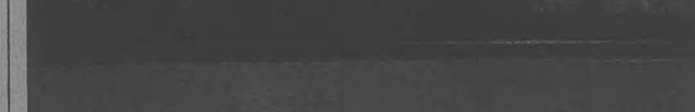
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Cash Brothers Leasing Inc. of Elba officially was named Coffee County Farm City's 2003 Industry of the Year last Thursday evening, Nov. 20, at the annual Farm City Banquet. The "family-based" business was started by brothers Pete and Russ Cash. Pete's wife, Mary, also works at the business as the accounting manager while his and Russ' mother, Jane Cash, has worked as office manager since the business opened. Those shown above with the award include: Kathy Sauer, director of the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce; Jeff Brannon, vice president of the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce; Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce; Keith Marbut, plant manager for Cash Brothers Leasing; Mary Cash and Pete Cash.

Cash Brothers Leasing, Inc. honored as Coffee County Farm City's 2003 Industry of the Year

During the Coffee County Farm City Banquet last Thursday evening, Nov. 20, Cash Brothers Leasing, Inc. of Elba was recognized as the 2003 Industry of the Year.

At a press conference held prior to the banquet, Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, presented the award to the local industry.

Whitworth said the Cash Brothers Leasing, Inc. was founded in July of 1989 by brothers Pete and Russ Cash.

"The Elba based company began by leasing two storage containers to an area retailer," she said. "Today, the company leases trailers by the hundreds to residential and commercial customers throughout the south-east."

The "family-based" business currently employs approximately 45 people, but Whitworth said there are hopes of adding more in the near future.

"After working in the trailer-leasing industry, Pete Cash wanted to develop an attractive

product he could offer customers," she said. "This marked the beginning of Mobile Attic, Inc. - a company owned by Cash Brothers Leasing and The National Security Group Inc."

The company's shop, which is located in Elba's Industrial Park, started out at 15,000 square feet. Two major additions have occurred since it was built, and Whitworth said the business has

acquired the speculative building from the City of Elba. She said this puts its total production space at more than 100,000 square feet.

Whitworth said the new building will hold a fiberglass plant which will be in full operation by Jan. 2004.

"The fiberglass plant will allow the company to make 90 percent of the trailers from scratch, in house, and will allow 100 new units to be produced per day," she said.

In conclusion, Whitworth said Mobile Attic has grown during the past three years to 15 dealerships in three states (Alabama, Florida and Tennessee), and by

the beginning of 2004, the business is expecting to also have franchises in Kentucky and Texas.

Several other awards were presented to industry and agriculture leaders throughout the county and will be highlighted next week in The Elba Clipper.

REMINDER

Local law enforcement agencies are currently participating in a "Click It or Ticket" campaign for the Thanksgiving holiday.

This campaign began Monday, Nov. 17, and will continue through Sunday, Nov. 30.

Through checkpoints and patrol details, officers will be looking to make sure motorists are wearing their seat belts and that children are properly restrained.

They will also be checking to make sure motorists have proof of insurance.

Elba automotive supplier extends trainee recruitment

Applications remain available to enroll in training to fill production operator jobs for the Toledo Molding and Die Inc. plant under construction in Elba. Applications are available at the Elba Chamber of Commerce, 329 Putnam Street, and Alabama State Employment Service offices at 312 West Gate Plaza in Andalusia and in Enterprise at 2021 Boll Weevil Circle.

Trainees must complete the job preparation program conducted by AIDT to be considered for employment. The next training program is set to begin Jan. 12 with hiring scheduled in February. The plant will employ 100 production operators by the end of 2004. Applicants selected for training will be notified of the training

schedule and location.

Toledo Molding and Die Inc., headquartered in Ohio, supplies injection-molded plastic parts for vehicle heating and cooling systems.

Wages start at \$8 per hour depending on skills and experience. Employee benefits include medical insurance, paid holidays and vacation time.

Applicants with a high school diploma or GED and at least six months of industrial experience are preferred.

TMD will select employees from the trainees who successfully complete the AIDT training program. Training completion does not guarantee a job offer and trainees are not obligated to accept an offer. AIDT training programs are provided at no cost to trainees. Trainees are not paid by their potential new employer while enrolled in the program.

The recruiting ad is available electronically at the AIDT web site <<http://www.aidt.edu/companyjobs.html>> and the ASES web site <<http://www.es.dir.alabama.gov>>. Internet access is available at most ASES offices.

AIDT, part of the state's two-year college system, develops and coordinates training programs for companies that create jobs in Alabama through start-up or expansion.

Area Happenings

THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 27 and 28, in observance of Thanksgiving. There will be no mail delivery for any emergency with street, sewer, water or electricity. In report an emergency, please call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555. The garbage route normally picked up on Thursday will be picked up on Friday, Nov. 28. Residents are asked to have garbage run out by the road before 6 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 28.

A "BLOOD DRIVE" will be held at the ZC Express, Highway 57 N., south from Zion Chapel School, on Monday, Dec. 1, from 2:30 - 6:30 p.m. The "Blood Drive" is being held in honor of Ashley White and is being sponsored by Altrus International, Inc. of Jacksonville.